

### Amendments to the Claims

Kindly amend claims 1-3, 5-9, 14-16, 18-23, 29-31 & 33-37 and cancel non-elected claims 10-13, 24-28 & 38-41 (without prejudice) as set forth below. All pending claims are reproduced below, with changes in the amended claims shown by underlining (for added matter) and strikethrough/double brackets (for deleted matter).

1. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling process flow between a test tool and [[a]] an operating system processing an event, said method comprising:

controlling an event around operating system processing thereof; and

wherein the controlling comprises facilitating intercepting of the event by a test tool after processing thereof by the operating system and before return to an internal operating system invoker of the operating system event processing, the invoker being other than the test tool.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the controlling further comprises facilitating intercepting of the event by the test tool both before and after processing thereof by the operating system.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the event comprises an intercepted event within the operating system.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the intercepting of the intercepted event by the test tool facilitates testing thereof.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the intercepting by the test tool facilitates validation of operating system processing of the event.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the event comprises [[a]] an operating system managed event.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the controlling further comprises allowing an indication prior to operating system processing of the event whether control is to pass to the test tool after processing thereof.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the allowing the indication comprises setting a bit in a parameter list of the event indicating that control is to pass to the test tool after processing of the event by the operating system.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the event is an internal system event having no external operating system call.

10-13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) A system for controlling process flow between a test tool and [[a]] an operating system processing an event, said system comprising:

means for controlling an event around operating system processing thereof; and

wherein the means for controlling comprises means for facilitating intercepting of the event by a test tool after processing thereof by the operating system and before return to an internal operating system invoker of the operating system event processing, the invoker being other than the test tool.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the means for controlling further comprises means for facilitating intercepting of the event by the test tool both before and after processing thereof by the operating system.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the event comprises an intercepted event within the operating system.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the means for intercepting of the intercepted event by the test tool facilitates testing thereof.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the means for intercepting by the test tool facilitates validation of operating system processing of the event.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the event comprises [[a]] an operating system managed event.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the means for controlling further comprises means for allowing an indication prior to operating system processing of the event whether control is to pass to the test tool after processing thereof.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the means for allowing the indication comprises means for setting a bit in a parameter list of the event indicating that control is to pass to the test tool after processing of the event by the operating system.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the event is an internal system event having no external operating system call.

23. (Currently Amended) A system for controlling processing flow between a test tool and [[a]] an operating system processing an event, said system comprising:

a computing unit adapted to control an event around operating system processing thereof; and

wherein the controlling by the computing unit comprises facilitating intercepting of the event by a test tool after processing thereof by the operating system and before return to an internal operating system invoker of the operating system event processing, the invoker being other than the test tool.

24-28. (Canceled).

29. (Currently Amended) At least one program storage device readable by a ~~machine~~ computer, tangibly embodying at least one program of instructions executable by the ~~machine~~ computer to perform a method of controlling process flow between a test tool and ~~[[a]]~~ an operating system processing an event, said method comprising:

controlling an event around operating system processing thereof; and

wherein the controlling comprises facilitating intercepting of the event by a test tool after processing thereof by the system and before return to an internal system invoker of the system event processing, the invoker being other than the test tool.

30. (Currently Amended) The at least one program storage device of claim 29, wherein the controlling further comprises facilitating intercepting of the event by the test tool both before and after processing thereof by the operating system.

31. (Currently Amended) The at least one program storage device of claim 30, wherein the event comprises an intercepted event within the operating system.

32. (Original) The at least one program storage device of claim 31, wherein the intercepting of the intercepted event by the test tool facilitates testing thereof.

33. (Currently Amended) The at least one program storage device of claim 29, wherein the intercepting by the test tool facilitates validation of operating system processing of the event.

34. (Currently Amended) The at least one program storage device of claim 29, wherein the event comprises ~~[[a]]~~ an operating system managed event.

35. (Currently Amended) The at least one program storage device of claim 29, wherein the controlling further comprises allowing an indication prior to operating system processing of the event whether control is to pass to the test tool after processing thereof.

36. (Currently Amended) The at least one program storage device of claim 35, wherein the allowing the indication comprises setting a bit in a parameter list of the event indicating that control is to pass to the test tool after processing of the event by the operating system.

37. (Currently Amended) The at least one program storage device of claim 29, wherein the event is an internal operating system event having no external operating system call.

38-41. (Canceled).

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